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Alaska Department of Transportation
STIP Comments
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RE: Comments on Draft Amendment # 17, 2006-2009 STIP

Dear Sir,


During my review of the referenced amendment I noticed that the project titled "IFA: Wrangell Ferry Infrastructure: Boats and Terminals"; Need ID #18785 has been removed from the STIP. The Inter-Island Ferry Authority Board of Directors just recently reaffirmed their desire to proceed with this project. Additionally, this project is part of further waterfront improvements for the City of Wrangell which will provide jobs and long-term employment opportunities for its residents. I am requesting that this project be reinstated back into the STIP. One million dollars has already been secured for the environmental documents and preliminary design.

There are two other projects on Prince of Wales Island that I would like added to this amendment. The first is dredging underneath the IFA Hollis Terminal Boarding Ramp Float. At low tides this floating ramp support is grounding on gravel and silt that has built up over time from the stream that is east of the terminal staging area. The project should also include either a diversion wall to divert stream flow away from the docking structure or a dredge sump excavated to contain silt/gravel from the stream for periodic dredging.

The second project is a parking facility for the recently constructed Clark Bay Seaplane Facility. Parking was at a premium and traffic flow was hazardous enough before the facility was constructed. The State has State land available adjacent to the existing parking area for the IFA terminal. This should have been part of the overall plan for this facility from the beginning..

If you have any questions or comments concerning matter please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


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